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**WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORTS  
SUPERFUND DIVISION  
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**NATURAL DISASTER OPERATIONAL WORKGROUP (NDOW) TRAINING –**

**PORT ARTHUR, TX:** EPA, in collaboration with TCEQ, TGLO, TPWD, and the U.S Coast Guard provided NDOW training at USCG Sector Port Arthur. Approximately 45 students from USCG, TPWD, and TCEQ were in attendance. A spill response exercise to be implemented by EPA/USCG took place in conjunction with the NDOW training. Focus of the oil spill training was on Bakken Crude. **(Crossland, x2721)**

**CES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, HOUSTON, TX:** Cleanup activities conducted this week: Conducted Storage Tank 1 (ST1) acid sludge removal; Continued bulking of solids; Continued cleaning/cutting up totes/drums; Began checking/removing materials in piping (Waste Water Treatment and Aboveground Storage Tank (AST) piping); Continued offsite disposal. **(Crossland, x2721)**

**CAMP MINDEN/EXPLO SYSTEMS, INC., MINDEN, LA:** General Dynamics-ATK (GD-ATK) finished H6 (underwater munition explosive) removal (approximately 900 lbs.) and decontamination of the melter/flaker unit in bay 5 of building 1619 and is waiting for sample results for disposal. GD-ATK also continued crushing of extracted aluminum (EA) (over 2 million lbs. to date).

EPA will conduct an environmental monitoring community workshop related to Camp Minden response efforts on April 16 for local citizens, local, state and Fed officials and local environmental groups. **(Crossland, x2721)**

**The Camp Minden communities of Minden and Doyline, Louisiana hosted the first meeting of the site's Community Advisory Group (CAG) on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 in Minden. The purpose of the meeting which 20 citizens attended was to organize and establish objectives and ground rules. A Chairperson and Subcommittee positions have been recommended and elections for these leadership roles will be determined at the group's next meeting in several weeks in Doyline, LA. The group plans to begin a program of technical education for participants on the cleanup options. (Talton x7205)**

**WILCOX OIL, BRISTOW, OK (OPA/CERCLA Potential):** The removal and remedial teams are discussing residential yard sampling plans. Removal is proceeding with requesting access for fence installation around the residential lead contaminated area. Plans are also being made for an upcoming open-house to update the community on actions, progress and the next steps at the Site. **(Talton, x7205 & Crossland, x2721)**

**SBA SHIPYARDS, JENNINGS, LA:** Numerous Notice of Federal Interest (NOFI) letters were sent out to potentially responsible parties (PRP). \$600K was approved from the USCG Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund to conduct an oil removal action of the petroleum product leaking from the Alkyne storage pump unit barge. A planning meeting with the site team was



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held to discuss EPA enforcement and site response plans. This oil removal action to address the leaking barge is scheduled to begin in late April. (Crossland, x2721)

**HENRYETTA IRON & METAL, HENRYETTA, OK:** ODEQ requested the assistance of EPA to address PCB soil contamination on the Henryetta Iron & Metal facility. Discussions of a potential enforcement action to address the PCB contamination on the facility and potentially the surrounding residential area are underway. (Crossland, x2721)

**SE 29<sup>th</sup> STREET GROUNDWATER, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK:** A removal action to provide an alternate water source to the residence has been initiated. On April 2, 2015, bottled water was supplied to the residents of the affected home. EPA has also facilitated a service connection from the city water department to the residence to provide a long term solution. This service connection and residential hook up should be completed by April 17. (Crossland, x2721)

**TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA:** EPA attended the semi-annual Tinker Air Force Base Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting on the evening of April 7, 2015. During this meeting, Tinker informed the RAB members about the on-going remedial design activities and the anticipated schedule for implementation of the remedial action technologies associated with the Building 3001 (Operable Unit (OU) 1) Record of Decision (ROD) Amendment that was completed on July 1, 2014. Besides discussing Remedial Design/Remedial Action activities associated with the OU1 ROD Amendment, EPA also discussed with Tinker the draft documentation developed concerning the completion of the North Tank Area Interim Action which was part of the August 1990 ROD. (Meyer, x6742)

**COORDINATOR MEETING ON TAR CREEK:** The EPA met with representatives from EPA Region 7, on April 7, 2015. The purpose of the trip was to discuss continued coordination efforts regarding site remediation actions within the Tri-State Mining District as they relate to operable unit 5, sediments. (Meyer, x6742)

**UNITED NUCLEAR CORPORATION SITE, GALLUP, NEW MEXICO:** EPA Regions 6 and 9 have completed negotiations with the United Nuclear Corporation and the General Electric Company on the Region 6 Surface Soil Operable Unit for the removal of mine waste from the Region 9 Northeast Church Rock Mine Site and placement of the mine waste onto the top of the existing tailing pile on Region 6's United Nuclear Corporation Mill Site. The Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent is undergoing management review prior to EPA joint signatures from Regions 6 and 9. Respondents have agreed to pay EPA's unpaid Past Response Costs at both the Region 9 Mine Site (\$1,585,175.76) and the Region 6 Mill Site (\$5,485,522.83), as well as EPA's Future Response Costs through their submission of the EPA-approved Design to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission as part of a License Amendment Request package. (Meyer, x6742)

**SANDY BEACH REMEDIAL ACTION UPDATE:** A ground water sampling event is scheduled for completion this week for the completed soil vapor extraction (SVE) wells. All 24 SVE wells have screen intervals completed in the upper section of the aquifer to provide additional ground water data on the remaining source area concentrations. The sampling data will be used to determine if any modifications to the treatment system are needed. Water supply well installation activities continued this week as drilling is scheduled to reach the total well depth for the fifth, and final water supply well.



Well installation activities will continue with geophysical logging followed by construction of the fifth and final water supply well to a target depth of 600 feet. Sampling of the 24 soil vapor extraction wells will also continue this week for soil vapor samples. (Meyer, x6742)

**CHEVRON MINING INC. STARTS CONSTRUCTION OF FIELD TEST TRIALS:**

EPA will travel to the Chevron Questa Mine site to oversee the start of the construction of field test trials. The field trials are being designed to evaluate various methods and techniques for material handling, amendment incorporation, and cover placement and revegetation at various slope gradients at a field scale. Construction of the field test trials is scheduled to begin April 14, 2015, and will be completed by approximately the end of June 2015. (Meyer, x6742)

**EAST 67<sup>th</sup> STREET REMEDIAL ACTION UPDATE:** A site-wide ground water sampling event is scheduled for the week of April 13, 2015. The ground water data will be compared with the historical concentration data as part of an 18 – 24 month monitoring period to evaluate the effectiveness of the two completed remedial action projects. (Meyer, x6742)

**AUSTIN FOOD SOIL KITCHEN TESTING:** Brownfields staff along with staff from the Houston Lab will be participating with the City of Austin in their first Austin Food Soil Kitchen testing. The goal of this testing is to assist Homeowners in knowing what potential contaminants there could be in the soil and if the soil is safe for growing food crops. This event will occur on Friday, April 10. (Talton x7205)

**FFR (FEDERAL FINANCIAL REPORT) SPREADSHEET:** Brownfields staff developed and finalized a spreadsheet of FFR information that reflects the deobligation totals. This spreadsheet was needed in order to determine what deobs and how much will be going back to OBLR for the RLF supplemental competition. We have a total of \$178,000 which will be deobed and sent back to OBLR. (Talton x7205)

**LOTUS NOTES DATABASE ARCHIVING:** Information Management staff met to go over the steps for archiving databases in Lotus Notes. Staff began going through the databases that belong to Superfund. Staff finished sorting through the Superfund databases that are older than 5 and 10 years. Staff contacted responsible parties for each database and identified some databases that can be archived, and a few the must be kept. Staff will contact RPMs next regarding the site specific databases. (Talton x7205)

**OSWER TRIBAL LANDS RESOURCE DIRECTORY:** Information Management staff met to discuss moving forward with the Tribal Lands resource directory. (Talton x7205)

**UNITED NUCLEAR AND GENERAL ELECTRIC TO MOVE MINE WASTE FROM NAVAJO NATION:** On April 1, 2015, United Nuclear Corporation (UNC), and General Electric Company (GE), UNC's indirect parent corporation, signed an Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) to design the repository at the UNC Mill Site for uranium-contaminated soils from the Northeast Church Rock (NECR) Mine Site located northeast of Gallup, New Mexico. UNC and GE also agreed to pay Region 6 past response costs of \$5,485,522.83 for the Mill Site and Future Response Costs. EPA Regions 6 and 9 will both sign the AOC and jointly oversee the design AOC work and will share information throughout design implementation with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, which co-regulates the Mill Site, and the Department of Energy, which eventually will manage the Mill Site as part of its

Legacy Management Program.  
(Banipal, x7324)

- **PALMER BARGE PAID A TOTAL OF \$2.574M TO DATE:** To date, EPA has received payments in the amount of \$2,574,762.97 from the “Settling Defendants and Settling Federal Agency.” On March 30, 2015, Maritime Administration of the US Department of Transportation made its payment in the amount of \$399,958.75. Houston Ship Repair will pay the remaining \$299,938 in three annual installments. (Banipal, x7324)

**SAN JACINTO RIVER WASTE PITS PAID EPA \$201,867.38:** On March 26, 2015, International Paper Company made its portion of payment in the amount of \$201,867.38 for reimbursement of response costs billed in the amount of \$403,734.76 on February 26, 2015. The entire amount will be deposited into a newly established special account to be retained and used to conduct or finance response actions. The remaining outstanding amount is due from Industrial Maintenance Corporation. (Banipal, x7324)

**SAND SPRINGS PETROCHEMICAL PAID EPA \$8,630.55:** On March 17, 2015, BP/ARCO Environmental Remediation made its payment of \$8,630.55 for reimbursement of response costs billed on February 9, 2015. (Banipal, x7324)

**SCRUB-A-DUBB – FOUR GENERAL NOTICE LETTERS SENT:** On April 7, 2015, General Notice Letters were mailed to Foster Testing Co., Inc., Guardian Products, Inc., Enterprise Products BBCT LLC (previously Lubrication Services, LLC), and Univar USA Inc. who were determined as Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) for the site. Duplicate General Notice Letters were also mailed to registered agents for each PRP. The removal costs for this Site, as of March 31, 2015, totaled \$4,837,973.38. Banipal, x7324

**TRONOX SETTLEMENT - APPROVAL AND ANNUAL FUNDING PROJECTIONS FOR FY2015:** On March 31, 2015, a joint Region 6 and Region 9 memorandum finalized the proposed assessment and data management activities and associated funding for implementation of the Tronox Settlement for fiscal year 2015. Approved Region 6 activities include the Ground Water Assessment in the San Mateo Creek Basin Watershed (\$1,400,000) and Removal Assessment at the Section 35 and 36 Mine Sites (\$1,800,000). Approved Region 9 activities include Aspect flyover work (\$100,000), Data Management project (\$200,000), Cove Area assessment project (\$1,200,000), and ongoing Quivira activities (Region 9 - \$1,400,000). On April 2, 2015, the second special account, SSID #A6FK, was established to conduct site assessment and investigation activities at Sections 35 and Cliffside uranium mines. \$2,090,000 (of the initial \$4,000,000) was transferred from the Tronox Navajo Area Uranium Mines (NAUM) parent account to this new account to fund the work at this site. (Banipal, x7324)

- **DONNA CANAL RISK ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES:** On April 6 and 7, Risk Assessment staff conducted a site visit of Donna Canal to identify information needed for the risk assessment. This included identifying receptors, the location of residences, and exposure activities (i.e., fishing, gardening, and recreational activities) that should be considered in the risk assessment. (Banipal, x7324)

**SITE ASSESSMENT STAFF MET WITH RCRA TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL NPL SITE:** On April 7, Site Assessment staff met with RCRA Project Managers to discuss the Hale Dusting Services Inc. site in Robstown, Nueces County, Texas. The facility currently

operates as a commercial aerial applicator of pesticides and has elevated levels of arsenic and toxaphene in the site soils and groundwater. Due to the lack of receptors, the site is not a potential candidate for the NLP. Information provided by RCRA was forwarded to the removal branch for evaluation. **(Banipal, x7324)**

#### **SITE ASSESSMENT STAFF TO MEET WITH THE UNITED STATES**

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE:** On April 16, 2015, representatives from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) will visit Region 6 to discuss and compare the list of USDA hazardous waste sites in Region 6. A recent GAO investigation found that USDA do not have complete inventories of contaminated sites on their properties. GAO recommended that USDA review available information with EPA and determine the accuracy of this information, and update the information, as needed. **(Banipal, x7324)**

#### **LOGISTICS AND WAREHOUSE MANAGEMENT EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE**

**SERVICES CONTRACT PRE-SOLICITATION ACTIVITIES:** As part of market research efforts for Logistics and Warehouse Management and Equipment Maintenance Services Contract pre solicitation activities, as coordinated by the Small and Disadvantaged Business Coordinator, EPA Region 6 is in the process of conducting telephone capability sessions with SDVOSB and HUBZone businesses. Initial sessions were scheduled for Monday April 6, and Wednesday April 8. **(Talton x7205)**

**GPRA TARGETS AT MIDYEAR:** As a result of the monthly ACRES call, Brownfields staff is reviewing our FY15 GPRA targets. 71 out of 100 assessments have been completed for the year. Four out of 7 clean-ups have been completed. Staff is checking to make sure that there will be 3 more clean-ups in order to reach the GPRA targets for the year. **(Talton x7205)**

**WILCOX OIL:** Community Involvement staff are making meeting plans for an upcoming open-house, to update the community on actions, progress and the next steps at the Site. Staff have recently had some sampling on a residential property in response to a lead question about a child testing above a screening level for lead. Since then the child has been retested and shown to have normal levels. There are plans for additional testing and acquiring access agreements. **(Talton x7205)**

**AWP—WHITEWRIGHT:** Brownfields staff are beginning to work with the City of Whitewright in developing a work plan and beginning the award process. **(Talton x7205)**

**R6 BROWNFIELDS WEBSITE:** Brownfields is working to review current website, new structure and to discuss upgrading the site. Staff will begin with four sections—News & Events, Technical Assistance, Resources and Success Stories. **(Talton x7205)**

**HELENA AR BROWNFIELD SITES:** Research began on 12 Helena, AR sites that were involved in a 2004 R6 Brownfields Assessment Grant. Of the 12 sites, four were found to be reclaimed, renovated and/or recycled. Success stories with pictures are in the process of being written for these four properties. **(Talton x7205)**

**MANUFACTURING SPECIALTIES INC., HUTCHINS, TX:** Superfund Enforcement will send out a General Notice Letter to the current owner of the property. An Action Memo will be written to address the hazardous waste abandoned in drums and containers which contain resins and other volatile organic compounds on site which pose a threat to the general



public. (Crossland, x2721)

**CHEMICAL RECYCLING, WYLIE, TX:** An action memo for this former chemical recycling facility is in concurrence and once it is approved, actions can move forward with the enforcement process to have the potentially responsible parties (PRP) group initiate the cleanup to address the remaining lead contamination on the property. The demand letter to the PRP group will be sent this week. The Wylie Economic Development Board is very interested in putting this property back into productive and beneficial use. (Crossland, x2721)

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